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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: METHOD OF IMPLANTING )  
AN INTERVERTEBRAL )  
SPACER )  
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Sir:

Responsive to the election or restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Paper No. 9, mailed December 1, 2003, applicants request entry of this Response B and reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

A shortened statutory period for response of one (1) month was set for response to the Office Action. Accordingly, a Petition for

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